



Executive Department  
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor  
**Proclamation**

State Capitol  
Boise

*WHEREAS, despite advances in medical technology and research, men continue to live an average of six years less than women with African-American men having the lowest life expectancy; and*

*WHEREAS, educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems will result in reducing rates of mortality from disease; and*

*WHEREAS, men who are educated about the value of preventative health will be more likely to participate in health screening; and*

*WHEREAS, the Men's Health Network worked with Congress to develop National Men's Health Week as a special campaign to help educate men and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practice; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho Men's Health Week will focus on a broad range of men's health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, prostate, testicular and colon cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, the citizens of Idaho are encouraged to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle, regular exercise, and medical check-ups;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the week of June 13<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005, to be*

**MEN'S HEALTH FITNESS WEEK**

*in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to pursue preventative health practices and early detection efforts.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-third day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.*

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA  
SECRETARY OF STATE